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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In December 2005, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **nine (9) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 9 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Ideal Distributors recalls Pacifiers. #06-043
- ❖ J&F Design recalls Girl's Sleepwear sold at J.C. Penney stores. #06-047
- ❖ Chuck E. Cheese recalls Plastic Siren Whistles. #06-048
- ❖ Kids II Inc recalls Doorway Baby Jumpers. #06-051
- ❖ Celebrate Express Inc recalls Magic Party Favors and Costume Shield.
- ❖ Maxim Enterprise recalls Mini Learning Cube Toy sold at Target. #06-052
- ❖ Advantage Publishers Group recalls Children's Books. #06-054
- ❖ Simplicity Inc recalls Graco Branded Aspen Cribs for Suffocation Risk. #06-058
- ❖ Recreational Equipment Inc recalls Children's Bicycles.

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Number (06-043): Ideal Distributors Inc., of Chicago, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 1,000 Cachito Pacifiers. The recalled pacifiers are blue, white, yellow or pink plastic with a yellow nipple and a circular or clove-shaped handle. The nipples are filled with honey or a sugary substance. The pacifiers measure about 3-inches long and 1 1/2-inches wide. They were sold at various independent Mexican supermarkets and drug stores in the Chicago, Ill. area from July 2005 through September 2005 for about \$1 and manufactured in Mexico.

Problem: The nipples can detach from the base, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled pacifiers away from young children and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For additional information, call Ideal Distributors collect at (773) 889-2997 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or e-mail the company at idealrecall@email.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06043.html>

Release Number (06-047): J & F Design, Inc., of Bell, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 18,800 Bobby Jack™ pajama set. The recalled pajama sets include a tank top and a pair of shorts. Made of a polyester and cotton blend, the pajamas were sold in four colors: green, fuchsia, light blue and light pink in sizes extra small through extra large. The pajama tops have a large, rubber decal of one or more monkeys on the front, and the bottoms have a monkey

print on them. A label on the inside of the garment reads, "Bobby by BobbyJack." J.C. Penney stores sold this product nationwide from April 2005 through June 2005 for about \$15. It was manufactured in China.

Problem: These pajamas sets fail to meet the federal mandatory standard for flammability of children's sleepwear under the Flammable Fabrics Act. This poses a risk of burn injuries to children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop wearing these pajama sets and return them to any J.C. Penney store for a full refund.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06047.html>

Release Number (06-048): Chuck E. Cheese's (CEC Entertainment), of Irving, Texas, is voluntarily recalling about 144,000 Plastic Siren Whistles. The recalled plastic siren whistle is a red, green or purple tube with small plastic pieces inside. The whistle is about 2-inches long and 3/4-inch wide. The toy whistles were distributed as prizes at Chuck E. Cheese's by redeeming 15 tickets earned by playing games. They sold at Chuck E. Cheese's nationwide from July 2005 through August 2005 and were manufactured in China.

Problem: The recalled plastic siren whistle's internal pieces can detach from the toy, posing a choking hazard to children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled plastic siren whistle away from children and discard it. Free replacement whistles can be obtained by visiting any Chuck E. Cheese's or contacting the company at (888)

778-7193 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.chuckecheese.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06048.html>

Release Number (06-051): Kids II Inc., of Alpharetta, Ga., is recalling about 14,000 Bounce Bounce Baby! Door Jumpers. It has model number 6753 written on a white warning label on the seat. The jumper has a blue canvas seat with a sun, star and bee design print, blue straps, and a blue plastic clamp that attaches to an interior door frame. The name "Kids II" is printed on the plastic housing that contains the clamp. Model 67531 Door Jumpers that have a metal clamp are not included in this recall. The items were sold at discount department and juvenile specialty stores nationwide from January 2005 through November 2005 for about \$20. It was manufactured in China.

Problem: The plastic clamp that attaches the jumper seat to a door frame can break, which can cause the unit and child to fall to the floor. This poses an injury hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Kids II toll-free at (877) 325-7056 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or log on to www.kidsii.com for information on receiving a free replacement.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06051.html>

Release Information: Celebrate Express Inc., of Kirkland, Wash., is voluntarily recalling about 21,100 party favors and 25,500 costume shields of Mystery Drawer and Dice Tunnel Magic Party Favors and Costume Shield. The recalled Mystery Drawer is a black plastic rectangular box with a movable drawer. The Dice Tunnel is a blue or red plastic rectangular box with one die. They were sold along with other party favors in an assortment known as the Magic Favor Box (Item #E4696). The plastic shield is silver and gold and is about 11-inches long. The shield was sold as part of the following costume sets: Sword and Shield Set (Item #7014), Sword and Shield Set – 8 (Item #8006), and the Cape, Helmet, Sword, and Shield Set (Item #E8520). The item number is located on customer invoices. Celebrate Express' Birthday Express and Costume Express online and catalog. The recalled Mystery Drawer and the Dice Tunnel Magic Party Favors were sold as part of the Magic Favor Box from January 2005 through August 2005. The Magic Favor Box sold for about \$3. The recalled Costume Shields were sold from April 2004 through September 2005 as part of various costume sets. The costume sets sold for about \$5 to \$36. Both were manufactured in China.

Problem: The magic party favors and the dragon ornament on the shield could break or crack, exposing sharp points that present a possible laceration hazard to children.

What to do: Consumers should take the recalled magic party favors and costume shield away from children immediately and contact the company (888) 551-3995 between 4:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at

<http://www.celebrateexpress.com> for a refund. Celebrate Express has directly contacted all purchasers of the products by mail.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06517.html>

Release Number (06-052): Maxim Enterprise Inc. of Lakeville, Mass., is voluntarily recalling about 12,000 Little Tree Mini Learning Cube. The recalled learning cube is an 8-inch square wooden box with a different activity on each side, including an abacus, blocks with apples and bananas, shapes that can be moved in a zigzag cutout, and a blackboard. The wooden cover has spiral bead maze with wooden beads that slide up, down and around. The item was sold at Target stores nationwide from June 2005 through November 2005 for about \$15 and manufactured in China.

Problem: Small wooden pegs in the top corners of the toy can come loose posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take the recalled learning cube toy away from young children and return it to Target for a \$15 giftcard plus applicable state tax.



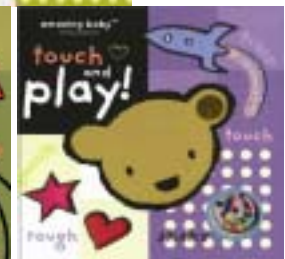
- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06052.html>

Release Number (06-054): Advantage Publishers Group, of San Diego, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 41,000 Children's Books. The recalled children's activity books are multi-colored with holes in the pages to touch a variety of fabrics and to push a squeaker toy, flaps to lift, and a clear plastic container with beads. The "Amazing Baby Look and Play" activity book has a yellow star on the cover. The "Amazing Baby Touch and Play" book has a brown bear on the cover. The activity books measure about 11-inches by 11-inches, and are for children ages 12 months to 24 months. The recalled "Rattle, Rattle" board book has a magenta car on the cover. The board book measures about 5 1/2-inches by 5 1/2-inches, and is intended for children ages 6 months to 18

months. The books were sold at national book chains, discount department stores, wholesalers and distributors, and membership warehouse clubs nationwide from May 2003 through November 2005 for about \$16 for the activity books and about \$6 for the board book. They were manufactured in Thailand.

Problem: If the clear plastic container is removed from the book's back cover or breaks, young children can access the beads in it. This poses a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should immediately take these recalled activity and board books away from young children and contact the Advantage Publishers Group toll-free at (866) 748-3731 anytime or visit the company's Web site at www.advpubgrp.com for a replacement book.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06054.html>

Release Number (06-058): Simplicity Inc., of Reading, Pa., is voluntarily recalling about 104,000 Aspen 3 in 1 Cribs, sold under the Graco Trademark. The recalled cribs are made of wood and have a wooden mattress support. Only cribs with wooden mattress supports and with model number 8740KCW SC and serial number 2803 SC to 1605 are included in this recall. The model and serial number are printed on the envelope attached to the mattress support. They were sold at department stores, and children's product stores from August 2003 through May 2005 for about \$130 and manufactured in China.

Problem: The screws on the wooden mattress support can come loose allowing a portion of the mattress to fall, posing a suffocation hazard to young children.

What to do: Consumers should call Simplicity Inc. at (800) 784-1982 anytime or visit the Web site at www.simplicityforchildren.com to receive a retrofit kit.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06058.html>

Release Information: Recreational Equipment Inc., of Kent, Wash., is voluntarily recalling about 2,800 Novara Dirt Rider 20-inch 5-Speed and 6-Speed Bicycle. The Novara Dirt Rider 20-inch 5-speed and 6-speed bicycles are children's bicycles with 20-inch wheels, an aluminum frame, and multiple speeds. 2003-2004 model year bicycles were red/black or silver/blue frost in color; 2005-2006 model year bicycles were black/gravel or white/powder blue in color. These bikes were sold at REI stores from October 2002 through November 2005 for between \$200 and \$210 (depending on model year) full price and may have been sold as low as \$125 on sale. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The alloy frame used for these bicycles can be prone to fatigue failure. Frame failure results in the separation of the fork, head tube, and handlebar away from the rest of the bike causing a loss of control and crash, and posing a risk of serious injury to the rider.

What to do: Consumers should immediately stop using these bicycles and return them to the nearest REI store for a full refund or credit.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06520.html>

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